

GRANT RECIPIENT
CITY OF WHITING

YEAR
2011

COUNTY
LAKE

CATEGORY
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

GRANT AWARD
\$50,000

LOCAL SHARE
\$50,000



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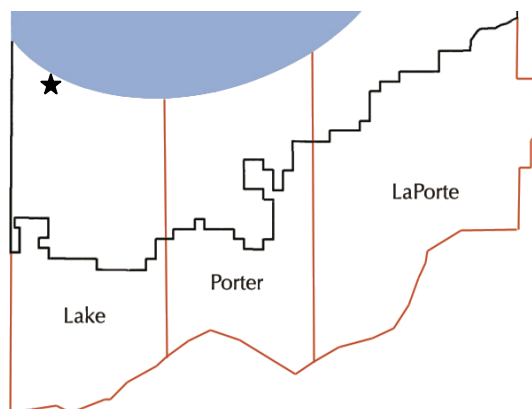


Whiting Nature and Cultural Walk Interpretive Signage

The Whiting Nature and Cultural Walk was a project to implement a pedestrian promenade and multi-use trail along the Lake Michigan shoreline through Whiting Lakefront Park and Whihala Beach in Whiting, Indiana. Both parks offer active recreation opportunities and habitat areas within immediate proximity of Lake Michigan and have historically been recreational areas since the early 1900s. The promenade and trail will be an extension of the region's Marquette Greenway that will connect through northwest Indiana into the City of Chicago.

The intention of the nature and cultural walk was to create a new opportunity to reconnect park visitors with Lake Michigan through a scenic promenade, overlooks, and interpretive signage that will highlight historical, cultural, natural and environmental facts and issues.

The trail begins at the Whiting Lakefront Park entrance at Front Street and proceeds through Whiting Lakefront Park along the shoreline and then through Whihala Beach. It connects with the City of Hammond at the Casino property at Lake Street. A total of 6 interpretive stations are placed along the trail through Whiting Lakefront Park and Whihala Beach highlighting the history of the area, industrial and railroad culture, duneland, beach, and lake habitats, and environmental issues in order to raise awareness and provide education opportunities for park visitors/users. The project included the research, design and fabrication of the six interpretive signs.



RESULT: The project included the research, design and fabrication of the six interpretive signs.